

ABSTRACT

RESERVATION SYSTEM

5 There is disclosed a system for making reservations, in
which the system includes a central on-line reservation
provider through which reservations for one or more
individual service providers may be made, one or more
individual service providers through which reservations
10 for the respective individual service providers may be
made directly, and means for communicating between the
central reservation provider and the respective
individual service providers, wherein a first portion of
the available reservations from each individual service
15 provider are held by the central reservation provider
and a second portion of the available reservations from
each individual service provider are held by each
respective individual service provider and, if a
reservation requested from either the central
20 reservation provider or an individual service provider
is not available from that provider, available
reservations are transferred from the other of the
central reservation provider or the individual service
provider to the central reservation provider or the
25 individual service provider via the means for
communicating so as to allow a reservation to be made.